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A PROCLAMATION,

Against Deserters, and Resetting of them.



WILLIAM and MARY by the Grace of GOD, King and Queen of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, Defenders of the Faith; To

Macers of Our Privy Council, Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute, Greeting: Forasmuch, as in obedience to the Orders Direct by Us, to the Commander in Chief of Our Forces within this Kingdom, and the Collonels and other Officers of the several Regiments, appointed by Us to be Transported for *Flanders*, The saids Collonels have their Regiments compleat and in good condition, ready to be Embarqued for Our Service in *Flanders*; And We Considering, that all Souldiers Listed and Engaged in Our Service, ought to be intirely reserved for that use, and no ways encouraged, inticed, or seduced to Desert the same, nor reset, harboured and sheltered when they Desert, or forsake the said Service, or leave the same, otherways than by allowance, and a Pass granted by their Superior Officers, conform to the Rules of Military Discipline; And that it is both the Interest of Our Service, and Honour of this Our antient Kingdom, That the Regiments now to be Embarqued, should be full and compleat, Therefore We, with Advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, p̄-emptorily Prohibit and Discharge, all and sundry Our Subjects within this Kingdom, whether Officers or Soldiers, or other persons whatsoever, to intise, perswade, or seduce any of the Souldiers in Our Service, and under Our Pay, and particularly in the Regiments under the Command of the Lord *Strathnaver*, Sir *James Lefly*, Collonel *Buchan*, and Collonel *Hamilton*, or any of them, now ready to be Embarqued, and Transported to *Flanders*, To Desert, or leave Our said Service, or to shelter, conceal, harbour, reset and intertain any Soldier who Deserts, or unduly leaves Our said Service; And particularly any of the saids Regiments: Or who has Deserted, left, or run away from the same, since the first Day of *November* last, without having a Pass, signed and subscribed by the Captain and Commanding Officer of the Regiment for the time, in which the said Souldier or Souldiers last served; Certifying all who shall come in the contrair hereof, that they and each of them shall be lyable for each Souldier intised, deserting, or reset, as said is, in the sum of an hundred pounds *Scots* to be decerned to be payed to the Captain under whom the said Souldier served, by the ordinary Magistrat of the place, where the Transgressor lives, and that by and attour the delivering up to the said Captain, the person of the Deserter, or furnishing another sufficient Souldier in his stead: And for the more effectual Observance of the Premises, We, with Advice foresaid, Require and Command the Collonels, and other Officers of the respective Regiments, who are to stay and remain within this Kingdom, to deliver up to the Collonels and other Officers of the Regiments to be Transported for *Flanders*, all Deserters since the first of *November* last, from any of the saids Regiments to be Transported, who are, or have been in Service, or Retained in the Regiments that are to stay at Home, and that before Imbarquing of the saids Regiments to be Transported, under the pain foresaid: And further, that the Officers of the saids Regiments to stay at Home, with the Assistance and Concurrence of any Magistrat of the Bounds, and no otherways, seize and apprehend all concealed Deserters of these Regiments whom they can discover, and give account of them to the Commander in Chief of Our Forces, To the effect that they may be sent abroad to the respective Regiments to which they belong. And to the effect that not only the Forces to stay at home, but all Our Leidges may know their hazard in the Premises, We, with Advice foresaid, Prohibit and Discharge any person who hath been in Our Service, to be received as a Tennent by any Heretor, or Servant to any Master of Family, or harboured by any person, or any Deserter of the Regiments to go abroad since the first of *November* last, to be received Souldier in any Regiment or Company which stays at home, who shall not have a Pass signed and subscribed in manner foresaid: As also, that no Stranger, though not a Deserter, be received at any time betwixt and the fifteenth of *May* next, by any Heretor or Master of Family, to reside with him without a sufficient Testimonial from the Sheriff or his Deputs, or a Justice of Peace, or other Magistrats of the Bounds from whence they last came; Certifying all and every one, who contrary hereto shall receive, reset, or conceal any Soldier, known to him to be a Deserter, or Stranger without Pass or Testimonial foresaid, betwixt and the said fifteenth Day of *May*, that they shall be lyable in the penalty above-mentioned, to be decerned to be payed in manner above-exprest. And lastly, for the more effectual reclaiming of such as have Deserted, to return to their Service, We with Advice foresaid, Do fully Pardon and Indemnifie all and every one of the saids Deserters of the saids Regiments to be Transported to *Flanders*, who shall return to their Duty and Service, and render themselves either to the saids Officers, before the saids Regiments shall be Embarqued, or to the Commander in Chief of Our Forces, betwixt and the first Day of *May* next to come; Certifying all such as shall despise or neglect this Our Gracious Offer, that if thereafter apprehended, they shall be punished without Mercy: And this Proclamation to continue and endure until the fifteenth Day of *May* next to come, and no longer, but prejudice of former Proclamations emitted against Deserters, and the Officers their Right to them by vertue thereof. OUR WILL IS HEREOF, and We Charge you straitly and Command, that incontinent these Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat-Crosse of *Edinburgh*, and to the remanent Mercat-Crosses of the Head-Burghs of the several Shires of this our antient Kingdom, and there, in Our Name and Authority, by open Proclamation, make intimation of the Premises, And Ordains these Presents to be Printed, and Published at, and affixed upon the Doors of all the Paroch-Churches within this Kingdom.

Given under Our Signet at *Edinburgh*, the fourth day of *April*. And of Our Reign the fifth Year, 1694.

Per actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii
GILB. ELIOT, Cls. Sct. Concilii,

GOD Save King *William* and Queen *Mary*.

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